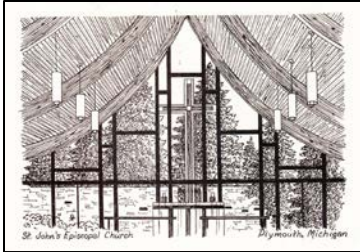


# Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170



*"Welcome"*

YOU ARE WELCOME AND  
WANTED HERE TODAY!

Good morning and welcome to St. John's Plymouth!  
We are glad you are here and hope you have a great  
worship experience with us today.

Our faith tradition is known by a motto seen on signs in  
big cities and small towns across the country: *"The  
Episcopal Church Welcomes You."* Our community takes  
that phrase to heart, opening our hearts and our  
worship to everyone, especially those who may have  
been turned off by or turned away from previous  
church experiences for any reason.

St. John's is a community built on varied backgrounds  
and faith experiences; we love our tradition and rituals,  
but we love people even more. We are committed to  
opening our doors as wide as possible because we  
pattern our lives after Jesus' teachings and his message  
of radical welcome and inclusive love.

If you are visiting for the first time, we are happy that  
God led you to this place and hope that you will return  
again. Again, welcome home. Open your heart today  
and let God do something wonderful.



## Today's Altar Flower Dedication

*In Celebration of  
Scott & Kitty Kremer's  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*



## Today's Aumbry Light Dedication

*In Memory of Verna Smith*

## TRANSITION UPDATE

### A TRANSITION UPDATE FROM YOUR VESTRY

As we noted in last week's update, we have reached the  
point in our transition where we are working with the  
Diocese to select and call an interim priest to lead our  
congregation during the period of discernment (normally  
one to two years) prior to calling a new full-time rector to  
St. John's.

The interim selection team taking on this challenge is  
comprised of three vestry members: Junior Warden Liz  
Covey-Dwyer, Sherry Bass and Liz Needleman. Over the  
past two weeks they have worked diligently behind the  
scenes to prepare for and complete an interview with the  
first interim candidate offered for our consideration by the  
Bishop.

This is no run-of-the-mill job interview. Realizing that, the  
team made time to complete the comprehensive  
preparation process suggested by the Diocese, even though  
each team member has professional experience that  
includes interviewing and hiring.

That meant engaging in nearly three hours of training with  
Jim Gettel, the Diocesan Canon of Congregational  
Development. Training involved reviewing the interview  
format, process and schedule, understanding the  
responsibilities of an interim rector, discussing specific  
interview objectives, and familiarizing themselves with a  
process for choosing and wording specific interview  
questions based on those objectives.

Each member then took on a "homework" assignment of  
creating or suggesting six interview questions, after which  
they regrouped to consolidate their questions into a 29-page  
packet for their interview session with the first candidate.  
The group then met once again to review the extensive  
background information provided for the first candidate,  
and to assign the interview questions each team member  
would ask.

All of that led up to a three-hour evening interview with  
the first candidate, followed the next night by a  
comprehensive review with the vestry.

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## TRANSITION UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Perhaps you're exhausted from just reading this; if so you have a small sense of the amount of focus and effort this team has put forth on behalf of all of us at St. John's. The next time you connect with Liz C-D, Sherry or Liz N, please let them know how much their commitment means to you and to our parish.

The vestry is working through the next steps of the process with Jim Gettel, Canon for Congregational Life, from the diocese. As soon as the wardens have more information to share, we will communicate that to you.

### Your St. John's vestry members

Shelley Zalewski, Senior Warden  
Liz Covey-Dwyer, Junior Warden  
Beth Frolick-Rapson, Treasurer  
Sherry Bass  
Anne Dehne  
Linda Griffin

April Cooke  
Mark Eissler  
Liz Needleman



### PASTORAL CARE ISSUES DURING THE TRANSITION

For pastoral care issues that may arise in the weeks to come, please call Senior Warden Shelley Zalewski at 248-756-2420. Aided by a priest in the area and/or a SJP Eucharistic Visitor, we will work to address the need promptly.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE  
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13 ~ 10:30AM**

After a summer recess, we are again offering a mid-week opportunity to gather and pray for the needs of those in our parish, our community and the world. Beginning on September 13, join us in the sanctuary at 10:30am, following the women's bible study.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 ~ 7:00PM**

Ministry leaders of SJP gather to build community and share information. Watch for more details to come next week.

### BIBLE STUDIES RESUME FOR FALL

**Saturday Men's Bible Study ~ Begins Sept. 9 at 7:30am**  
They will be using a DVD study of *How Jesus Became God*

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study ~ Begins Sept. 19 at 9:30am**  
This group will begin a study of the *Book of Acts*.

**Wednesday Women's Bible Study ~ Begins Sept. 13 at 9am**  
This group will begin a study of *Mark*, by author N.T. Wright (order the book on Amazon or Christianbook.com).

For more information about these classes, check the bulletin board in the hallway or on the SJP website.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### GET INVOLVED THIS FALL! JOIN A SJP MINISTRY TEAM!

Every Sunday, and sometimes during the week, many SJP members are on teams that share responsibilities to make worship and other church functions go smoothly. These teams are always in need of new volunteers. Ministry team leaders are always there to train and support each member. Pray about how you can serve God through serving others! Below are the many ways to get involved:

Acolytes (5-12 graders)	Altar Guild
Chalice Bearers	Lay Readers
Ushers/Counters	Eucharistic Visitors
Food Pantry	Gardeners Group
Prayer Team	Prayers & Squares Quilters
Blood Drive Hosts	Congregational Life (special events)



Contact Phyllis in the church office for more information!

Grace Choir (9<sup>th</sup> grade-Adult) Handbell Choir (9<sup>th</sup> grade-Adult)  
Houseband (9<sup>th</sup> grade-Adult) Joyful Noise Choir (Age 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Contact Liza Calisesi Maidens for more information!

### PREPARING & SERVING AT CROSSROADS ~ SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 NEW MENU! CHILI, HOT DOGS AND COOKIES

A team from St. John's will be going to Crossroads to prepare and serve meals. Here are ways you can help:

- **DONATE COOKIES** ~ the cookie bin is in the front hallway. Store-bought or home-baked are appreciated!
- **SERVE AT CROSSROADS IN DETROIT**  
Please sign up to serve at Crossroads on Sunday, Sept. 17. We begin at Crossroads at 9:00am. Note on the sign up sheet if you would like to carpool. 20 volunteers needed.



Questions? Contact SJP Crossroads representative Dick Bass at 248-245-4560 or dickbass1943@gmail.com.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES



**WELCOME RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10  
9:30AM IN THE GATHERING**

Join us as we kick-off SJP's Sunday School year on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30am with a continental breakfast reception in the Gathering. Meet teachers and other parents, pick up information for school year and register your child. Children will be in classrooms making crafts during service and rejoin their family in worship at the time of the Peace. Beginning 9/17 Sunday school will begin at 9:45am weekly. If you are unable to attend Welcome Sunday or would like to register ahead of time, you may register online at [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

**We need adult & youth Sunday School volunteers!** Contact Jayne Watson at [jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org](mailto:jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org) or volunteer online at [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

## BULLETIN INSERT ~ SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

### THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ROAD AHEAD

*(spoiler alert: they're all about money)*

#### *How will St. John's financial condition impact our search for a new rector?*

We are currently in the process of identifying an interim priest to be with us through the transition and until we can call the next permanent rector to St. John's. A team recently interviewed the first candidate put forth as a possible interim.

Before a parish can begin the process of calling a new permanent rector, our diocese requires that it be able to demonstrate a pattern of operating on a balanced budget. St. John's recent history is one of careful financial management and balanced budgets. But in order to meet the challenges of funding people and programs intended to foster growth, and keep up with the increasing cost of maintaining our building and grounds, our current budget is balanced by using about \$20,000 of cash savings. Our 2018 budget will need to be balanced without this use of reserves, requiring us to both increase pledge revenue and decrease operating costs.

#### *How will the search for a new rector impact St. John's financial condition?*

In order to conduct a comprehensive national search, the Diocese estimates that we will need to set aside between \$20,000 and \$40,000 for the search process (with the actual amount spent dependent on the number and geographic locations of the final candidates). Given the answer to question #1, that's a tough task on top of a tough task.

#### *What does any of this have to do with my regular contributions to St. John's?*

We're all anxious and curious and excited to see what's next for SJP. But when it comes to the dollars we devote to supporting our parish, we can't afford to take a "wait and see" attitude. Part (to be candid, a *big* part) of attracting the best clergy candidates is demonstrating a solid financial foundation.

*Now, more than ever, we need to honor our pledge commitments for this year, and plan to continue giving wholeheartedly in the year ahead.*

### NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH!

**SJP JOYFUL NOISE FOR YOUTH AGE 5 – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
FIRST REHEARSAL ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**



All youth are invited to participate in SJP Joyful Noise, our youth music session at 11:15-11:45am following service every Sunday in the Music Annex. This program is aimed toward bringing music to our youth and connecting families. For more information, contact Jacob Carroll, SJP Music Scholar at [jacobcarrollsings@gmail.com](mailto:jacobcarrollsings@gmail.com).

SJP Joyful Noise will sing at St. John's during special services throughout the year. The fall dates below are tentative performances:

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

All SJP Youth, Parents, and Vacation Bible Camp participants are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall at 9:30am to review our VBC music and sing at the 10am service!

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 ~ PIPES SPOOKTACULAR CONCERT**

All are invited to "Pipes Spooktacular," a brief Halloween concert at **6:30pm** lead by SJP Joyful Noise and the Adult Choir. Following the concert is "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot at 7:15pm. It's been a community hit for several years!

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ~ FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

SJP Joyful Noise will sing The Processional Song at the 10am service with the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER (TBD) ~ ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

SJP Joyful Noise will sing the Offertory Anthem during a 10:00am service. More details to come.

## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Add names at our prayer station in the Narthex. Prayers continue for 30 days.

Donald	Lexy
Bob & Tom Cooper	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	MaryEllen Judd
Janis Kljun	Susan Lutz
Tracy McCord	Laurie Pocock
Justin Rush	Becky Skoug
Carl Spradlin	Bernie Weiner
Family of Warren Jaynes	The Barker family
The Polk Family	

### For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief  
Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force  
Carly Bair - U.S. Navy  
Joe James - U.S. Army  
Ian Smith - U.S. Navy  
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army  
David Peraino - U.S. Army  
Taylor Blair - U.S. Army

### SERVING TODAY – SEPTEMBER 3

**Preacher** Rev. Teresa Wakeen  
**Altar Guild** Jan MacLeod,  
Pat Sonntag,  
Dawn Florkowski/Danisa Saltarelli



#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Susan Wainwright  
10:00 Amy Higgins, Dick Bass, Sister Magdalena,  
Howard Zuckerman

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse  
10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole, Amelia Dowswell

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Dave Smith, Virginia Warden, Alan Taracuk

### SERVING NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 10

**Preacher** Rev. Christine Humphrey  
**Altar Guild** Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell,  
Irene Mitchell/Vicki Pratt

#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Ralph Reeves  
10:00 Ken Sanders, James Boileau, Bev Cavallaro

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Emma Reeves  
10:00 Casey McCord, Maria McCord,  
Michael Zuckerman

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Virginia Warden

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

*Office Hours ~ Monday – Friday ~ 8:30am – 4:30pm*

## **SUNDAY, September 3**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist** ..... 8:00 & 10:00am  
Nursery (infant-3yrs) ..... 9:45-11:30am  
Coffee & Tea-Gathering..... 11:15am

## **MONDAY, September 4**

Labor Day-Office Closed.....  
Narcotics Anonymous ..... 7:00pm

## **TUESDAY, September 5**

Food Pantry..... 2:00-4:00pm

## **WEDNESDAY, September 6**

Midweek Prayer Service\* ..... See Below

## **THURSDAY, September 7**

OA Meeting ..... 8:30am  
Men's Group (departs for St. Leo's)..... 8:30am  
Food Pantry..... 2:00-4:00pm

## **FRIDAY, September 8**

Episcopal Council of Women ..... 10:30am

## **SATURDAY, September 9**

Men's Bible Sunday..... 7:30am  
Al Anon Meeting ..... 8:00am  
Detroit Concert Choir..... 9:00am  
Private Event-Gathering..... 3:00pm

## **SUNDAY, September 10 – Fall Kick-Off**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist** ..... 8:00 & 10:00am  
Property Commission Meeting..... 9:00am  
Sunday School Welcome Reception..... 9:30am  
Nursery (infant-3yrs) ..... 9:30-11:30am  
Coffee & Tea-Gathering..... 11:15am  
Choir Practice..... 11:15am  
Joyful Noise Youth Choir..... 11:15am  
PFLAG Meeting..... 3:00pm

## **Dates to Remember**

BeFriender's Meeting ..... Monday, Sept. 11  
Parish Council Meeting ..... Tuesday, Sept. 12  
Wednesday Women's Study ... Wednesday, Sept. 13  
Prayers & Squares Quilters ..... Wednesday, Sept. 13  
Crossroads Soup Kitchen ..... Sunday, Sept. 17  
Tuesday Women's Study ..... Tuesday, Sept. 19

\*Please note - The Wednesday Midweek Prayer Service will resume on September 13 at 10:30am.